

SENATE BILL 1903

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,
relative to body cameras for law enforcement
officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) As used in this section, "law enforcement officer" means any person
authorized to effectuate an arrest who is employed by the state or a county, municipality,
or metropolitan form of government.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the admissibility into evidence of
any video recording taken during an interaction between a law enforcement officer and a
citizen, whether by a law enforcement officer's body camera or a citizen's photographic
device, shall be determined exclusively by Article X, and any other applicable rule, of the
Tennessee rules of evidence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.